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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Without an independent provider, my choice is a company that violated its own contract with me and won't provide an Internet connection or one that provides inferior connectivity at an inflated price. Without companies like Sonic, there is no competition. There is only price fixing, inferior products, and corporate tyrrany.

While Sonic isn't the fastest or cheapest in the wider world, it's the best I can do in my locality and far exceeds the connectivity of Comcast or AT&T. We need competition in our local markets.

In today's world, a stable and fast Internet connection is a necessity, not a luxury. Allowing monopolies to run roughshod over American citizens by taking complete control of the Internet would be a violation of trust by the FCC.

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